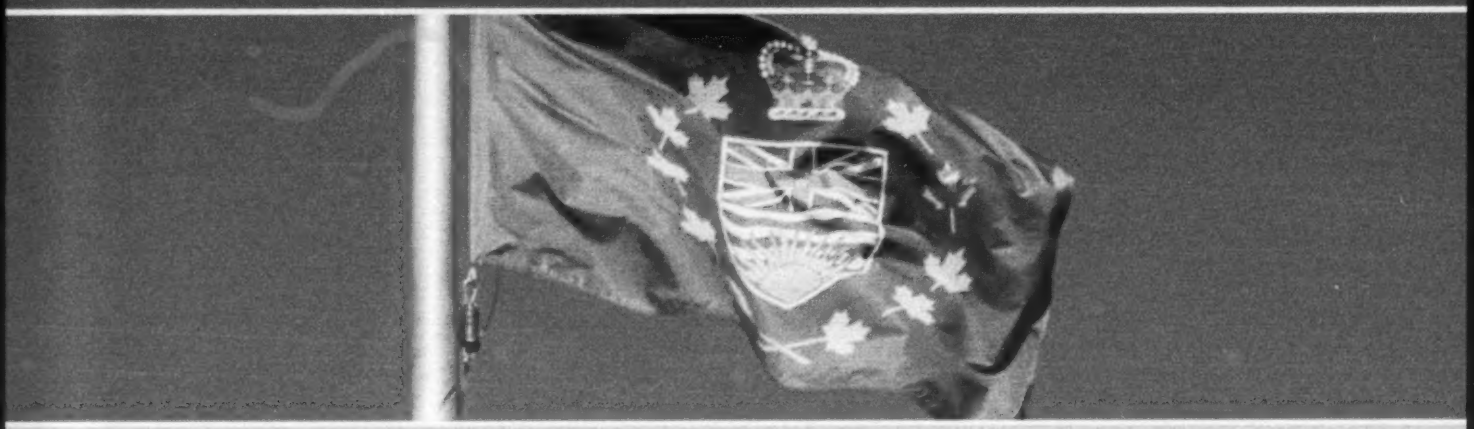


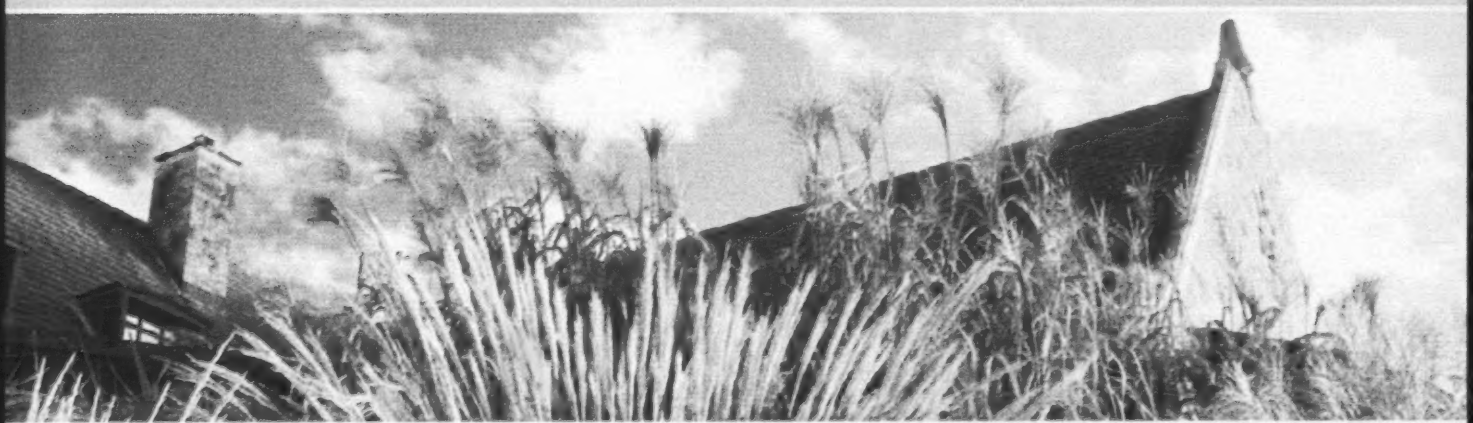
Stewarding the Future

2014 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROVINCIAL MOTTO: SPLENDOR SINE OCCASU
(Splendour Without Diminishment)

The crest of the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia features the shield of arms of British Columbia in its centre, surrounded by a circlet of 10 gold stylized maple leaves representing the 10 provinces of Canada. Above the shield is a St. Edward's Crown, signifying the Sovereign's representative in the Province.

The shield of British Columbia's coat of arms was granted by King Edward VII in 1906. The complete coat of arms was granted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1987. The Royal Union Flag, with an antique golden crown in the centre, occupies the upper third of the shield, symbolizing the province's origin as a British colony. The lower portion of the shield features a golden half-sun, superimposed upon three wavy blue bars cast horizontally on white. The blue bars represent the Pacific Ocean and the sun signifies B.C.'s location as the most westerly province in Canada. The shield is supported by a wapiti stag and a bighorn sheep, representing the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia. The crest above the shield features a lion standing on a crown. The lion wears a garland of Pacific dogwoods and the provincial flower around its neck. Between the crest and shield is the golden helmet of sovereignty, a mark of B.C.'s co-sovereign status in Confederation. Above the helmet are the traditional heraldic elements of a wreath and mantling in red and white, the colours of Canada. The provincial flower is featured a second time by entwining dogwoods around the motto scroll at the base of the arms.



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Above: The Honourable Judith I. Guichon, 29th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

As Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour will continue to encourage and inspire British Columbians to take a holistic approach to protecting our beautiful province.

Message from the Lieutenant Governor

2014 was indeed another very busy year as I travelled throughout the province, meeting many outstanding people, celebrating their accomplishments and honouring their service to their fellow citizens. I was privileged to speak with folks of all ages and from all walks of life about everything from leadership to volunteerism to sustainability and community involvement. We in British Columbia have a wealth of smart, caring and engaged citizens who play a vital role in contributing to health of our people, our land and our communities.

In June, I was fortunate to attend the Vice-Regal Conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island with the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors and Territorial Commissioners. It was wonderful to be immersed in our nation's history as we stood on the steps of Government House in the exact place of those nation builders of 150 years ago. The conversation that was initiated there in 1864 carried on later that same year in Quebec City. As I stood there it struck me that this nation was born of conversation rather than confrontation. The discussion continued until all the diverse regions became part of the whole and formed this country, a country conceived through dialogue. As we build toward 2017, the year of Canada's sesquicentennial celebrations, we must continue to evolve and encourage civil, thoughtful discourse. We may not always agree, but through respect for our differences we learn to accommodate all our rich and diverse parts of this whole.

We in British Columbia are blessed to live in a beautiful province within a rich and vibrant nation. There are challenges, but the opportunities ahead are abundant and exciting. We have an incredible resource of well-educated, dynamic and inventive youth who are the future of this province. It is our responsibility to mentor them, to promote critical thinking, creative problem solving and above all, respect for one another. Respectful relationships with each other and with the land that supports us are critical to our shared and sustainable future. It is our collective responsibility to be stewards of the future and leave our community, our province and our country in better condition for those who follow.

Judith I. Guichon

THE HONOURABLE JUDITH I. GUICHON, OBC
29TH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Above: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, wearing her Canadian insignia as Sovereign of the Order of Canada and the Order of Military Merit.

As Her Majesty's representative in British Columbia, Her Honour maintains our constitutional stability through a minimalist approach allowing the Premier and all elected representatives to fulfill their roles. Beyond that, Her Honour intends to visit all corners of the province during her tenure in order to learn about each region, its people, understand their needs and share that knowledge with others. Now two years into her term, Her Honour has visited 97 communities across British Columbia.

"Parliamentary institutions, with their free speech and respect for the rights of minorities, and the inspiration of a broad tolerance in thought and expression — all this we conceive to be a precious part of our way of life and outlook."

EXCERPT FROM HER MAJESTY'S CORONATION DAY SPEECH, JUNE 2, 1953.

Above: Her Honour, along with the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors and Territorial Commissioners, stand on the steps of Government House in P.E.I.

Above: Her Honour's longstanding connection to the land is reflected in her Coat of Arms. The arched fine evokes the landscape near Nicola Lake, where the Guichon family has ranched for generations. The bluebunch wheatgrass is an important plant for foraging by the livestock bred on the ranch. The four roots represent her four children and the healthy roots that support the continuity of life. The branded horse and steer represent the livestock and the reaping of the benefits of sunshine. Below, the burrowing owl lives in harmony with the cattle and represents Her Honour's ongoing efforts to learn about and respect biodiversity. The endangered dancing grouse on top symbolizes the joy found in biodiversity. The motto "Relationships Respect Responsibility" represents Her Honour's underlying belief that healthy relationships between people and the land that supports and nurtures must underpin our actions in respectful and responsible ways.

The Role of the Lieutenant Governor

The Honourable Judith Guichon is the 29th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and the representative of Her Majesty The Queen of Canada in the Province.

The post of Lieutenant Governor was established by the *British North America Act* in March 1867. This Act united the provinces under a central government, with each province retaining its own legislature to preside over matters not under federal jurisdiction. In British Columbia, the Office of Lieutenant Governor came into existence when the Crown Colony joined the Dominion of Canada in 1871. Under section 9 of the Constitution Act 1867, Her Majesty is the Canadian Head of State and thus, The Queen of Canada. There are four main facets to the Lieutenant Governor's role.

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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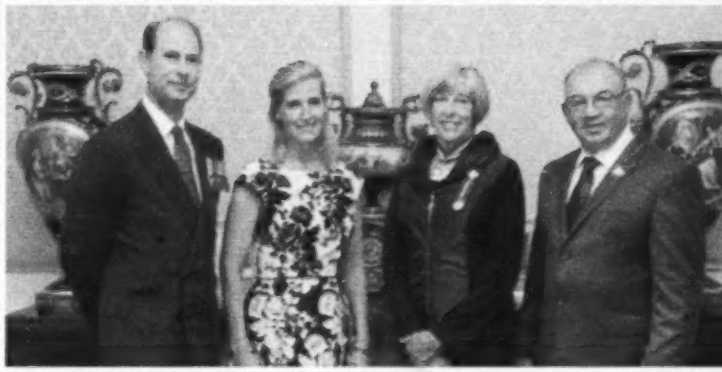
Above: The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, 29th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

Below: During the visit of The Earl and Countess of Wessex, Her Honour hosted a dinner with First Nations leaders and Government officials.

Above: On Family Day, Her Honour hosted a reception for families of HMCS Regina, which was deployed for eight months. Her Honour strongly supports all members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.

VICE-REGAL ROLE

The Lieutenant Governor represents the Crown in British Columbia. As Her Majesty's direct representative in the Province, the Lieutenant Governor is first in the provincial order of precedence and as such: represents the Crown as Chief Executive Officer during state and ceremonial events; acts as the vice-regal host for distinguished visitors to B.C.; perpetuates the traditional bond between the Crown, the Canadian Forces and uniformed services across British Columbia; perpetuates the traditional bond between the Crown and First Nations; and represents Her Majesty at appropriate events and ceremonies.



Above: In September 2014, Her Honour welcomed Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex to B.C. Their Royal Highnesses participated in various events with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and a wide cross section of community organizations.

Did you know? There are 34 distinct First Nations languages in B.C., representing diverse people. Her Honour has engaged with First Nations leaders and youth at a wide variety of events and formally visited 21 communities, including Canada Day celebrations at Cape Mudge, where the 2014 Tribal Journeys travellers were hosted by the We Wai Kai First Nation. (below).

Above: The Lieutenant Governor welcomed the Governor of Guangdong to the Province. British Columbia and Guangdong are sister provinces.

CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE

The Lieutenant Governor upholds the constitutional framework in British Columbia. In this role the Lieutenant Governor personifies the Crown, which is both the apex and the unifying link in the constitutional and political structure of the Province — executive, legislative, and judicial. The Canadian Crown plays a key function in underwriting our constitutional stability while enabling officials, democratically elected by the citizens, to govern. To uphold the constitutional framework the Lieutenant Governor ensures the continued existence of government in the Province of British Columbia; selects a First Minister as Premier of the Province; and summons, prorogues and dissolves the Legislature.

Did You Know? The Lieutenant Governor signs orders-in-council, proclamations and other official documents before they have the force of law. In 2014, the Lieutenant Governor signed 764 orders-in-council, 165 proclamations and gave Royal Assent to 34 Bills.

Above: Her Honour signed the proclamation declaring May 29, 2014 as Beef Day in the Province and attended the B.C. Beef Day event at the Legislative Assembly.

Above: Her Honour inspects a guard of honour at the Opening of the Legislature. Steeped in traditions which remind us of the stability of our democratic institutions, the ceremony surrounding the Opening of the Legislature remains an important part of our modern and vibrant process of responsible government.

Above: Her Honour appointed MLA Norm Letnick as Minister of Agriculture in 2014. Appointments to the Executive Council are made by Her Honour upon the advice of the Premier.

Below: At the start of each session of Parliament, the Lieutenant Governor delivers the Speech from the Throne. In 2014, Her Honour opened the 2nd and 3rd sessions of the 40th Parliament.

CELEBRATORY ROLE

The Lieutenant Governor celebrates, inspires and connects British Columbians. Every day, people from across B.C. spend their time and energy to make a positive impact on the lives of their fellow citizens. The Lieutenant Governor has an important role in honouring these great British Columbians, celebrating their service and bringing like-minded citizens together to inspire and help others. In this role, the Lieutenant Governor: recognizes distinguished British Columbians by presenting Orders, Decorations and Medals; hosts and attends celebrations and social events to connect British Columbians; inspires and sets an example by focusing attention on worthy causes and by lending support to these endeavours.

"By celebrating, inspiring and connecting British Columbians, we build pride, confidence and unity."

THE HONOURABLE JUDITH GUICHON

Above: The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards celebrate British Columbians who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others and who devote time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful, healthy, and unique.

Above: Fred Titcombe, at 102, was the oldest recipient to receive the Community Achievement Award. He was honoured for his 75 years of volunteering in the District of West Vancouver. Grade 12 student Morgan Leung, the youngest recipient, received the Award for her care and concerns for her community.

Above: On behalf of the Governor General, the Lieutenant Governor presents the Caring Canadian Award to a number of British Columbians every year. The Caring Canadian Award recognizes individuals who volunteer their time to help others and to build a smarter and more caring nation.

Above: Stocky Edwards (right) was a recipient of the French Legion d'Honneur, France's highest honour. Her Honour attended several presentations to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, which saw the Allies create a foothold in German-occupied France and eventually led to the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. In total, 486 D-Day Canadian veterans will receive the award.

Inspiring British Columbians

The Lieutenant Governor provides patronage to support and encourage worthy endeavours focused on public service, philanthropy, the arts and community volunteerism. Her Honour is currently patron of 90 organizations.

The Lieutenant Governor provides letters of support for organizations and associations celebrating special milestones and events. The Lieutenant Governor provided 76 of these letters in 2014, reaching thousands of British Columbians.

Above: On behalf of the Governor General, Her Honour presented the Order of Canada to Dr. Roy Shephard from Squamish for his pioneering work in the field of exercise science and for promoting the health benefits of physical activity to Canadians.

Did you know? In 2014, the Lieutenant Governor presented over 2,000 awards and medals including Canadian Honours, PProvincial Honours, Lieutenant Governor's Awards and made presentations on behalf of other organizations including Scouts, St. John Ambulance and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Connecting British Columbians

This past year, the Lieutenant Governor attended over 430 events throughout the province and hosted more than 24,000 people at Government House. Each event allows British Columbians to connect with others working on supporting causes. As they meet and talk, plans are built for a better future for all.

Below: As Chancellor of the Order of British Columbia, the Lieutenant Governor bestows the honour on exceptional British Columbians for their service and inspiration to others. In 2014, 25 recipients were honoured to mark the 25th anniversary of the Order.

Above: Kit Pearson, a celebrated author of books for young adults, was the recipient of the 2014 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence. The Award was established by former Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo in 2003 to recognize writers in B.C. who contributed to the development of literary excellence in the province.

Did you know? There are currently 14 awards presented in the name of the Lieutenant Governor that profile the accomplishments of British Columbians. These awards are administered by independent organizations and are the pinnacle achievement for each organization.

Above: Her Honour welcomed His Excellency LUO Zhaohui, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Canada, to Government House. In 2014, numerous ambassadors and consuls general were received by the Lieutenant Governor. These visits are an opportunity for the Lieutenant Governor to promote the history, culture and achievements of the province and its people.

Above and Below: The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for Excellence in British Columbia Wines recognize and honour excellence in the province's wine industry. 2014 was the largest year of competition to date, with 436 wines entered from 119 wineries. The prestigious award is only presented to 10 - 12 wines that the judges feel are exceptional. Each summer, the Lieutenant Governor visits the winning wineries to present the awards.

PROMOTIONAL ROLE

The Lieutenant Governor profiles excellence and promotes the history, culture and achievements of British Columbians. The Lieutenant Governor instills pride in the people, geography and natural resources of B.C. by profiling their accomplishments and the rich beauty of the land. The Lieutenant Governor showcases the heritage, art and culture of the province while hosting members of the Royal Family, heads of state, ambassadors, consuls generals, and other distinguished visitors.

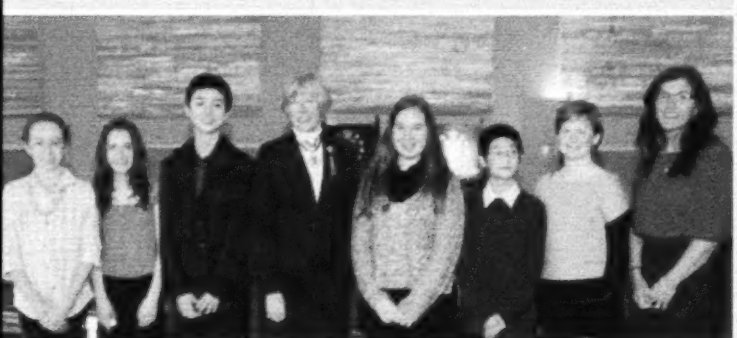
Priority Programs

Each Lieutenant Governor has the opportunity to develop unique programs and initiatives that highlight his or her interests and background. The programs are often provincial in scope and bring awareness to issues affecting British Columbians. The Lieutenant Governor's programs are administered and supported by the staff of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Government House Foundation.

The Honourable Judith Guichon comes from a background of land stewardship, music and community activism. Her Honour's priority programs will focus on leadership, stewards of the future, music and the arts, and literacy. Each program is based on respect, positive relationships and the responsibility every person has for the future.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is an important theme in all of Her Honour's programs. Her Honour works to instill a sense of duty in all British Columbians to become leaders and to mentor the youth of this province. By shining a spotlight on existing programs that teach, connect and inspire leaders, Her Honour supports a deeper discussion within the province.



Above: Her Honour with leadership students from Lansdowne Middle School in Victoria. Her Honour welcomed leadership students from different schools throughout the year to attend and participate in events at Government House to inspire excellence and care in the community.

Did you know? During her term, Her Honour has spoken to thousands of students and visited 53 schools across British Columbia, promoting leadership and the importance of participating in our democratic system of government.

Above: Her Honour attended the Army Cadet League Conference and presented Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Shannon Lo of the 2381 BCR (Irish Fusiliers) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, with the President's Award, recognizing her as the Top Army Cadet in British Columbia.

"Leadership, I have discovered, is a quality that permeates the air. You can sense the calibre of the leadership of an organization the minute you step in the door. It is not the condition or quality of the building that houses these people that dictates the difference; you can feel the positive energy and know this institution houses inspired leadership."

THE HONOURABLE JUDITH GUICHON

STEWARDS OF THE FUTURE

"The goal of this program is not to solve all the challenges we face, but rather to encourage open discussion and gain a better understanding of the issues that affect our natural surroundings. By engaging in respectful conversation we can build relationships with one another, take responsibility for our shared future and together build a healthier and more vibrant society."

THE HONOURABLE JUDITH GUICHON

STEWARDS OF THE FUTURE

2014 saw the launch of Her Honour's pinnacle program, Stewards of the Future. The program stems from the Lieutenant Governor's long-standing connection to the land and the importance of biodiversity. Its purpose is to promote the concept of a holistic approach to our endeavors based on respect, relationships and the responsibility of all for the future. Stewards of the Future encourages and supports emerging leaders to get outside and explore their own communities to discover and document unique attributes, identify and research key issues of concern and investigate stewardship initiatives. Stewards of the Future provides funding and support for high school teachers and other educators to go on field trips, visit local sites of interest and engage in stewardship projects in their communities.

The program features a toolkit for teachers, leaders and students to inspire and support them in becoming involved in hands-on, place-based explorations of their communities and the stewardship issues relevant to them. The toolkit includes an outline of the overall program process and funds available, a listing of program partners to support their efforts and activities, and tools for students, teachers and other groups to get engaged.

WEBSITE:
www.ltgov.bc.ca/lg/priority-programs/stewards/default.html

Above: Her Honour has a longstanding connection to the land, having operated a ranch in the Nicola Valley and introduced holistic management, a farming method which promotes sustainable management of the resources with a vision of the land as it will look 7 generations from now.

Above: Her Honour and Dr. David Suzuki on the Government House grounds with students who participated in the David Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot Tour.

THE WRITE TO READ PROJECT

Her Honour continued to build on the literacy program established by former Lieutenant Governor Steven Point, the Write to Read Project. The project connects remote First Nations communities with Rotary clubs to help build community libraries and assist in access to reading materials. It is a partnership between the Government House Foundation, Rotary International and several corporate sponsors. All participating parties have a shared interest in increasing the level of literacy among aboriginal people in B.C., and in building cooperative relationships between urban groups and rural First Nations communities.

Her Honour officially opened five libraries 2014, bringing the total of open libraries to nine. In 2015, between four and six libraries are expected to open.

WEBSITE:
www.writetoreadproject.org

Above: Her Honour opened a new library in Fort Rupert in partnership with the Kwakiutl First Nation.

"The partnerships that develop along the way in building these libraries are as important as the resulting facilities themselves."

THE HONOURABLE JUDITH GUICHON

Above and Left: The Thistalalh Memorial Library was opened in Bella Bella in March in partnership with Heiltsuk First Nation and the Qqs (Eyes) Projects Society. The previous library in the community was destroyed in a fire in July 2013.

Below and Right: Kwunew Kwasun Cultural Resource Centre is the largest facility built under Write to Read. The building serves as a cultural and resource centrepoint of the Malahat Nation. Under the leadership of Chief Michael Harry, Malahat Nation conducted their own fundraising and built this community centre where elders and youth gather.

Above: Her Honour speaks with an elder from the Wuikinuxv Nation at the opening of the library in Ówekeno.

Above and Right: Her Honour, along with Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex, officially opened a library in Ditidaht in September. Their Royal Highnesses also donated the very books they read to their own children.

SING ME A SONG

Above: The Parkgate Singers from North Vancouver won the Open Category for their song, "Our Canada." The group used the winnings to host a seniors choir festival for other local choirs.

SING ME A SONG

The Lieutenant Governor's Sing Me A Song program results from Her Honour's long involvement in community music. Sing Me A Song is an opportunity for musical groups of all ages and genres to write and sing an original song in the lead up to Canada's 150th birthday celebrations in 2017. This program is intended to inspire British Columbians to reflect on their history and communities and celebrate their pride in our province and country.

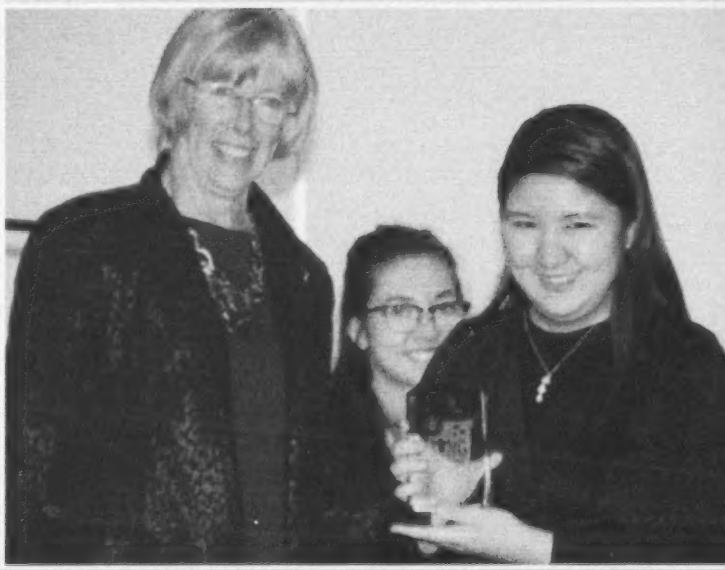
In 2014, the program's inaugural year, groups were invited to write a song about what Canada's 150th birthday meant to them or their community. Entries were scored on musicality, spirit and originality by a panel of musicians. A prize of $1,000 was awarded in each of three age categories: under 11, under 16 and an open category.

Sing Me A Song will run each year through to Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017, with prizes being awarded annually. In 2017, all entries will be compiled as a gift to Canada to celebrate its 150th birthday.

WEBSITE:

www.ltgov.bc.ca/lg/priority-programs/song/default.html

Above: Little Mountain Elementary School in Chilliwack won the Under 11 category for their song, "My Canada". They put their winnings towards the purchase of a new piano for the school.



Right: Miss Kylie Fonacier and the Pinetree Secondary School Vocal Jazz in Coquitlam won the Under 16 category for the song, "Here's To Us All". Miss Fonacier wrote and sang lead vocals. The school will put the winnings towards its music program.

Government House: The Ceremonial Home of All British Columbians

Government House is the office and official residence of the Lieutenant Governor and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians. As the Province's centre of hospitality, the House and grounds welcome visitors to large public events, as well as ceremonies, receptions and dinners by invitation that honour and celebrate organizations and individuals. The Lieutenant Governor also offers accommodation to distinguished visitors including members of the Royal Family, international royalty, heads of state and other honoured guests of British Columbia.

The Government House grounds are a National Historic Site embracing 14.6 hectares (36 acres), including 8.9 hectares of rare Garry Oak ecosystem and 5.7 hectares of formal gardens. The formal garden areas are wheelchair accessible and many are maintained by volunteers, the Friends of Government House Gardens Society. The grounds are open daily to the public from dawn to dusk, free of charge.

In 2014, over 11,000 people attended free public events hosted by the Lieutenant Governor. These events included the annual New Year's Day Levee, outdoor summer concerts, Puppets for Peace, a family celebration on the United Nations International Day of Peace and a Christmas Carol Sing Along.

Did you know? There have been three Government Houses on this site. The first was built in 1859 and burned down in 1899. The second House was opened in 1903, but succumbed to fire in 1957. The current House officially opened on May 19, 1959. (See photos below.)

Did you know? In 2014, Government House began offering guided public tours one Saturday a month. By opening the doors to Government House more often, the public has greater opportunity to visit the House to learn about its collective history, culture and achievements, and better understand the important role of the Lieutenant Governor in our constitutional monarchy.

Top, Above and Below: Large public events, like the summer concert series, bring thousands of visitors to the grounds every summer.

Below: The Christmas Open House and Carol Sing, led by Louise Rose, was one of several holiday events held at Government House.

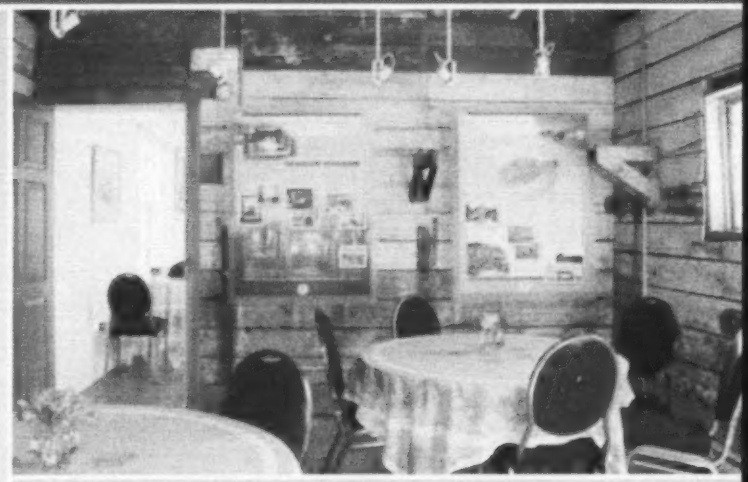
Right: On the United Nations International Day of Peace in September, Her Honour hosted "Puppets for Peace" on the grounds. The event drew over 1,000 people, including Order of Canada recipient Judith Lawrence and, of course, Casey and Finnegan.

THE CARY CASTLE MEWS

The Cary Castle Mews is a cluster of 19th century wooden service buildings located on the southeast side of the Government House estate. These onsite buildings have been used as support buildings to Government House since their construction in the 1870s. Thanks to the efforts of the Government House Foundation, some of the buildings have been rehabilitated and are now outfitted for the public to enjoy. Thanks to the volunteers, members of the Friends of Government House Gardens Society, the Cary Castle Mew is open Tuesday to Saturday from May through September.

The Cary Castle Mews welcomes thousands of visitors every season. All proceeds go to support the Friends of Government House and the Government House Foundation.

WEBSITE:
www.ltgov.bc.ca/gardens/cary-mews/default.html



Above and Below: The Tea House offers a chance for visitors to learn about the history of the Lieutenant Governor, enjoy lunch, tea and pastries. First opened in 2012, the Tea House is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike. In 2014, thanks the generosity of philanthropist Rudi Hoenson, the deck was expanded, allowing for greater seating capacity.

Below: In 2014, the Costume Museum relocated to the renovated Carriage House and now showcases a larger variety of period pieces. From former Lieutenant Governors' uniforms and Chatelaines' dresses to an original butler's uniform, the Museum takes visitors on a sartorial journey through the history of the Estate and Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Above: The Cary Castle Mews is also home to the Lawrence J. Patten Heraldry Exhibit. This display was created by the British Columbia branch of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada and provides visitors the opportunity to learn about heraldry and view examples of heraldic shields.

THE FRIENDS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDENS SOCIETY

The Friends of Government House Gardens Society was founded with the support of Lieutenant Governor David Lam in the early 1990s to rehabilitate the Government House gardens and grounds. What was originally a small, dedicated group of gardeners has grown to over 400 active volunteers, doing their part to support many facets of the estate. Approximately half of the volunteers work in the gardens, while the others dedicate their time in areas such as the Cary Castle Mews Tea House and Costume Museum, tours, flower design, photography, publications, archives, greeting cards and administration. Each year, the Friends volunteer over 17,000 hours in support of Government House.

The Friends are supported by the Government House Foundation. Money is also raised through memberships and fundraising events, all of which is channelled directly back into garden maintenance and improvement.

WEBSITE: www.fghgs.ca

"It is the Friends of Government House who are the heart that keeps this place vibrant, lively and full of life and love."

THE HONOURABLE JUDITH GUICHON

Below: Ms. Doreen Lau, daughter of former Lieutenant Governor David Lam, attended the Friends Summer Recognition BBQ and donated some of her father's treasured gardening books to the Friends.

Above: Volunteers from the Terrace Garden celebrated the first day of gardening in 2014 with hot chocolate.

Above: The Friends enjoyed a tea reception with Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex during their visit in September 2014. The Earl and Countess unveiled a plaque commemorating their visit to the Cary Castle Mews.

Above and Below: Catherine Spencer and Susan Erling-Tyrell were presented with Vice-Regal Commendations for their volunteer service to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Above: Volunteer JC Jacques (left) was presented with the Silver Trowel Award for his service to the Friends in 2014.

Did you know? Many of the Friends have been volunteering at Government House for over 20 years.

THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION

The Government House Foundation was created to foster the preservation of Government House and its grounds; to enhance its decor, character, maintenance, historical and cultural values; and to provide funding for the Lieutenant Governor's programs and awards that have a positive impact province-wide.

Vision

A respected and connected Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Government House, and its gardens and grounds that reflect their place in the history and lives of British Columbians.

Mission

To support the Office of the Lieutenant Governor by providing advice and resources for programs that benefit British Columbians and enhancements to Government House, its gardens and grounds.

Objectives

- Consult with the Lieutenant Governor on projects and programs to benefit British Columbians.
- Manage fundraising efforts of Government House projects and legacy programs.
- Seek opportunities to enhance awareness of the Lieutenant Governor's role.
- Foster the preservation of Government House, its gardens and grounds.
- Oversee Government House Foundation endowments and investment revenue.
- Assure that all aspects of Government House continue to be showcased and accessible.

WEBSITE: www.bcgovhousefoundation.ca
PHONE: (250) 387-2080

"Thanks to the efforts of our members and our many donors, I am pleased to say that we accomplished a great deal in 2014. As we look forward, I see a thriving Foundation that is proud to support Her Honour, her programs and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians."

MICHAEL O'CONNOR
PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION

Right: The Government House Foundation Gala Ball is part of the Foundation's fundraising efforts, which raised over $143,000 in support of Government House and the Lieutenant Governor's programs.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2014:

- *Victorian Rose Garden Fences;*
- *Five libraries opened under Write to Read;*
- *Cary Castle Mews renovations and expansion;*
- *Sing Me Song launched; and*
- *Stewards of the Future launched.*

Left: Through the Government House Foundation, Rudy Hoenson (far left) donated funds for a new fence around the Victoria Rose Garden. The new fence creates a quiet place of repose and allows the garden, lovingly maintained by the Friends, to flourish.

Below: Her Honour with volunteer members of the Government House Foundation at their Annual General Meeting in March 2014.

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

MISSION

To support the Lieutenant Governor as Her Majesty's representative in B.C. and to serve British Columbians.

ROLE

To assist and enable the Lieutenant Governor to fulfill all duties of Office and to maintain and enrich the traditions and heritage of Government House as the centre of official hospitality for the Province and the ceremonial home of all British Columbians.

Key Tasks

- Support the Lieutenant Governor in fulfilling her vice-regal, constitutional, celebratory and promotional responsibilities by the provision of correspondence services, scheduling, administration, travel, accountability, communications and infrastructure.
- Plan and implement the Lieutenant Governor's priority programs across the province.
- Assist British Columbians and visitors in understanding the Lieutenant Governor's roles and responsibilities by opening Government House and its grounds to the public and by supporting visitor programs.
- Manage and maintain Government House and its grounds as a National Historic Site. In 2015, the Estate of the Lieutenant Governor will celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Below: Honorary Aides-de-Camp (HADCs) work closely with members of Government House staff on all Her Honour's events. HADCs are members of uniformed services, acting on a volunteer basis, who mark the official status of The Queen's representative and accompany the Lieutenant Governor to all official engagements.

Below: Executive Chef Aleks Komat cuts the cake he made for the Government House Foundation Gala. Chef Aleks develops the menus for all events at Government House, ensuring the best of British Columbia is represented in each dish.

Above: The staff of Government House celebrate another successful year with their family and many of the Friends of Government House volunteers and Foundation members.

Below: John Mager has been the chauffeur and piper at Government House for over 32 years and has served seven Lieutenant Governors.

RESOURCES

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor is headed by a Private Secretary who serves as senior advisor to the Lieutenant Governor and who is accountable for the sound management of all aspects of the Office. Financial support includes federal, provincial and non-public funding.

Financial Summary

The Lieutenant Governor's salary is paid directly by the federal government and is taxed. The federal government also provides a grant of $97,000 which is used to fund events in support of federal programs, second language training, travel and hospitality.

The Lieutenant Governor does not receive a salary from the provincial government, which is responsible for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Government House (102 rooms on 36 acres), the ceremonial home of all British Columbians and a centre of Provincial hospitality. The provincial budget for the Office in 2014/2015 was approximately $1,328,000 which was allocated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits	*$982,000*
Support and Services	*$138,000*
Operations	*$150,000*
Major Asset Maintenance	*$58,000*

The support of the Government House Foundation plays a key role in preserving and enhancing the House and grounds. In addition, the Foundation is taking on an increasingly important role in supporting the Lieutenant Governor's priority programs. In 2014, the Foundation raised $143,800 towards Her Honour's programs. All Government House Foundation funds are responsibly invested with the B.C. Investment Management Corporation.

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